

**NONPROVISIONAL PATENT
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title): METHOD OF MANUFACTURING FRICTION PLATE FOR WET CLUTCH
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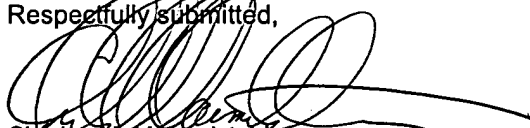
- ☒ 9 pages of Japanese language Specification/Claim 1/Abstract are attached.
- ☒ Drawings (Fig(s). 1-21; 19 sheet(s)) is/are attached.
- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is attached, along with Form PTO-1449, and 3 reference(s).
- ☒ Priority of foreign application No. 2002-365712 filed December 17, 2002 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

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